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side of the *Line*, of such, as lie between the *Aequator* and *Tropick* of *Cancer*; but *beyond* the *Line*, of such, as are situate towards the other *Tropick*; and in all places, of such, as at the time of Observation, are about 4. hours distant from the *Meridian*.

*An Account  
Of some Observations, lately made in Spain, by  
His Excellency the Earl of Sandwich.*

**T**HE Right Honourable the *Earl of Sandwich*, as he appears eminent in discharging the Trust, his Majesty hath reposed in him, of Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of *Spain*; so he forgets not in the midst of that Employment, that he is a Member of the *Royal Society*; but does from time to time, when his weighty State-Negotiations do permit, employ himself in making considerable Observations of divers kinds, both *Astronomical* and *Physiological*; and communicateth the same to the said *Society*; as for instance, lately, what he has observ'd concerning the *Solar Eclipse* in *June* last, the *Suns* height in the *Solstice*, and also the Latitude of *Madrid*, esteeming by the *Suns* Altitude in the *Solstice*, and by other Meridian Altitudes, the Latitude of *Madrid* to be 40 deg. 10 min, which differs considerably from that assigned by others; the General Chart of *Europe* giving to it 41 deg. 30 min. the General Map of *Spain*, 40 deg. 27 min. A large Provincial Map of *Castile*, 40 deg. 38 min.

To these particulars, and others formerly imparted, his Excellency is making more of the same nature; and particularly those of the Immersion of the *Satellites* of *Jupiter*.

We must not omit mentioning here, what he hath observed of *Halo's* about the *Moon*; which he relates in these words;

*Decemb. 25. Old Style, 1666.* In the Evening, here (vid. at *Madrid*) was a great *Halo* about the *Moon*, the *Semidiameter* whereof was about 23 deg. 30 min. *Aldebaran* was just in the North-east part of the *Circle*, and the two Horns of *Aries* just enclosed by the South-west of the *Circle*, the *Moon* being in the Center. I note this the rather (saith he) because five or six years ago, vid. *Novemb. 21. Old Style, 1663.* an hour after Sun-set, I saw a great *Halo* about the *Moon* of the same *Semidiameter*,

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at *Tangier*, the Moon being very near the same place, where she was now.

*Extract*

*Of a Letter, lately written by Mr. Nathaniel Fairfax to the Publisher, containing Observations about some Insects, and their Innoxiousness, &c.*

The Ingenious Author of this Letter, as he expresses an extraordinary desire to see the *Store-house* of *Natural Philosophy*, more richly fraughted (a Work begun by the single care and conduct of the Excellent Lord *Verulam*, and prosecuted by the Joynt-undertakings of the *R. Society*) so he very frankly offers his Service in contributing some of his Observations, and begins in this very Letter to perform his Offer. For, Having taken notice of what was publisht in *Numb. 9. p. 161.* out of the *Italian Philosopher Redi*, vid. That Creatures, reputed Venomous, are indeed no Poysons, when swallow'd, though they may prove so, when put into Wounds: He, for confirmation thereof, alledges Examples of several Persons well known to him (himself also having been an Eye-witness to some such Experiments) who have frequently swallow'd *Spiders*, even of the rankest kind, without any more harm than happens to Hens, Robin-red-breasts, and other Birds, who make *Spiders* their daily Commons. And having made mention of some men, that eat even *Toads*, he adds, that though a Toad be not a Poyson to us in the whole; yet it may invenome outwardly, according to some parts so and so stirr'd; an instance whereof he alledges in a Boy, who stumbling on a Toad, and hurling stones at it, some Juice from the bruised Toad chanced to light upon his Lips, whereupon they swell'd, each to the thickness of about two Thumbs: And he neglecting to use, what might be proper to restore them, they have continued in that mishapen size ever since; the ugliness whereof, when the Relator saw, gave him occasion to inquire after the cause of it, which thereupon he understood to be, as has been related.

On this occasion, the same Gentleman relates, that once seeing a Spider bruised into a small Glass of Water, and that it tinged  
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